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SUBJECT: ILLNESS OF PRESIDENT SVOBODA

1. DURING MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR (SEPTTEL) FONMIN CHNOUPEK DESCRIBED CONDITION OF PRESIDENT SVOBODA AS GRAVE AND SAID THAT PHYSICIANS BELIEVE THAT DEATH MAY COME WITHIN HOURS. CHNOUPEK ADDED THAT PHYSICIANS HAVE BEEN SAYING THIS FOR SOME DAYS, BUT LEFT NO DOUBT THAT THERE IS NO HOPE OF RECOVERY.

2. CHNOUPEK SAID THAT PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN FORMULATED FOR FUNERAL. IN INFORMAL POLLING WE HAVE DONE OF DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AS TO LIKELY REPRESENTATION AT FUNERAL, WE HAVE HAD FOLLOWING JUDGMENTS: AUSTRIANS AND FRENCH WOULD PROBABLY FEEL NEED TO RECIPROCATATE IN SOME WAY HIGH-LEVEL CZECH ATTENDANCE AT RECENT PRESIDENTIAL FUNERALS. FRG WOULD PROBABLY SEND DELEGATION, REFLECTING RECENT RAPPROCHEMENT. BRITISH WOULD REST WITH LOCAL CHARGE. OTHER EUROPEAN MONARCHIES MIGHT SEND ODD-AND-END NOBILITY. WE HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT USSR AND EES WILL SEND HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS.
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